

# University Profile

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## Mission Statement

California Lutheran University is a diverse scholarly community dedicated to excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies. Rooted in the Lutheran tradition of Christian faith, the university encourages critical inquiry into matters of both faith and reason. The mission of the university is to educate leaders for a global society who are strong in character and judgment, confident in their identity and vocation and committed to service and justice.

## Academic Excellence

California Lutheran University is a selective comprehensive institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in the liberal arts and sciences and professional fields. Central to the university's academic excellence is a dedicated teaching faculty, who come to Cal Lutheran from some of the finest universities in the country.

Cal Lutheran offers undergraduate, graduate and professional programs through the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Management, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Psychology and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS).

The university's highly regarded graduate programs include doctorates in educational leadership, higher education leadership and clinical psychology, and master's degrees in business administration, computer science, education, psychology, information systems and technology, economics, and public policy and administration. International programs include a full-time MBA for international students and an MBA in Europe. A number of post-graduate credential and certification programs are also offered. Graduate and certification programs are offered at PLTS.

## Technology and the Quest for Knowledge

Information Systems and Services (ISS) delivers and supports high quality research and information technology tools for the Cal Lutheran community. The myCLU portal provides a single gateway to many of the online resources available to students.

The university supports a mixed platform of Mac and PC computers in several labs on campus. In addition to open computer labs, Cal Lutheran provides wired and wireless network access to students free of charge through CLUnet. All residence halls are equipped with WiFi and wired network connections for student use.

CLUWnet provides wireless coverage to all buildings on campus and some outdoor areas. Students can connect their personal computer devices to the wireless network using their personal CLUnet account and password. The Help Desk offers support for CLUnet accounts including scheduling and trouble shooting for wired and wireless hookups.

Pearson Library is an integral part of ISS. The professional staff provides reference assistance as well as information literacy instruction for undergraduate and graduate level courses. One-on-one appointments and virtual one-on-one assistance is available, as well as the usual walk-up research and technology usage assistance. Library reference services that include real-time chat service, e-mail reference, and SMS messaging and mobile initiatives provide students with access to information wherever they are, whenever they need it.

Items not available in the library can be requested through Interlibrary Loan. The library's online catalog, OCLC's WMS, provides access to library collections via the Internet, offers a powerful discovery and delivery tool, and student-initiated functions like self renewal of books and placing holds on print resources.

For detailed information on ISS and Pearson Library, visit [www.callutheran.edu/iss](http://www.callutheran.edu/iss).

## Prime Locations

Cal Lutheran's main campus is located in the City of Thousand Oaks, situated midway between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. This convenient location puts students within reach of a variety of cultural and recreational experiences, the beach and mountains, airports and the international business community.

The university's proximity to the 101 technology corridor provides a highly skilled workforce the opportunity to pursue bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees near their places of employment.

Cal Lutheran has established off-campus centers in Woodland Hills, Westlake Village, Oxnard and Santa Maria to better serve working adults who live in and around Los Angeles, the San Fernando Valley, northern Ventura County and the Central Coast. Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary is located in Berkeley.

## Off-campus Centers

For several decades, Cal Lutheran has provided the opportunity to complete graduate and teacher preparation course work in locations convenient to the working adult student. Graduate courses that are offered at the off-campus centers are identical to those offered on the main campus, and the

various degree program requirements are also the same. A site coordinator is available at each of the off-campus centers to provide support and assistance to students and faculty.

The School of Management offers master's degree programs at the Oxnard, Woodland Hills and Westlake centers as well as online. The Graduate School of Psychology offers master's degrees in counseling and clinical psychology and a doctorate in clinical psychology at the Oxnard Center. The Graduate School of Education offers master's degrees and credential programs at the centers in Oxnard, Woodland Hills and Santa Maria. PLTS offers master's degrees in divinity and theological studies, certification programs in theological studies and theological education for emerging ministries, and doctoral programs through Graduate Theological Union.

Woodland Hills Center  
5925 Desoto Ave.  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
(818) 888-6414

Westlake Center  
31416 Agoura Road #110  
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Oxnard Center  
The Palms  
2201 Outlet Center Drive, Suite 600  
Oxnard, CA 93036  
(805) 485-6426

Santa Maria Center  
708 S. Miller St.  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary  
2770 Marin Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94708  
(805) 235-7587 • (510) 524-5264

For information regarding offerings at these centers, please consult the Graduate Schedule of Classes published each semester, email [clugrad@callutheran.edu](mailto:clugrad@callutheran.edu) or visit [www.callutheran.edu/graduate](http://www.callutheran.edu/graduate).

## The Thousand Oaks Campus

The main campus spans 225 acres set against scenic Mount Clef Ridge in the city of Thousand Oaks. At the heart of the beautifully landscaped campus is Kingsmen Park, surrounded by the university's academic and residential facilities.

Since the turn of the century, the university has added 13 major facilities on the main campus including the Spies-Bornemann Center for Education and Technology in 2002 and the Swenson Center for the Social and Behavioral Sciences in 2010, Cal Lutheran's first LEED-certified structure.

The athletics complex on the north side of campus continues to grow with venues for intercollegiate and intramural sports, exercise science classrooms and laboratories, and athletic and fitness areas. William Rolland Stadium opened in fall 2011 as a venue for football, soccer and intramural matches. The 16,000-square-foot facility also houses the William Rolland Gallery of Fine art.

The LEED-certified Ullman Commons, completed in fall 2014, transforms the heart of the campus. The \$15 million, 20,000-square-foot environmentally friendly two-level dining commons with adjoining Starbucks coffee bar provides a gathering place for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and visitors.

A new Student Union Building is slated to open by the end of 2015 on the site of the old Dining Commons. The 18,000-square-foot facility will house student life, student government and experiential learning, and expanded areas for student recreation.

Cal Lutheran's strategic plan envisions new facilities for the creative arts, new and renovated science facilities, and new housing for the School of Management. The university focuses on environmental sustainability and responsible building practices in all facilities and operations.

## History

In 1959 the Pederson Ranch, nestled against the rolling hills of the Conejo Valley, began its transformation to today's dynamic learning community of California Lutheran University.

Richard Pederson, the son of Norwegian immigrants, donated his scenic ranch to be used "to cultivate a new crop of fertile, inquiring minds." The ranch now forms the heart of the Thousand Oaks campus.

California Lutheran College welcomed its first students in 1961. The young college's early commitment to excellence led to its being granted accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) during its first academic year.

In 1986 the name was changed from California Lutheran College to California Lutheran University to better reflect its breadth of undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

## Educational Objectives

As a comprehensive university rooted in the Lutheran tradition, California Lutheran University views liberal learning, professional preparation, and character development as mutually supportive pillars of its educational excellence.

The liberal arts establish the essential foundations for defining challenges, integrating perspectives and articulating solutions, all of which comprise the cornerstone of lifelong learning. Professional programs provide the theoretical and practical framework for students to excel in specialized careers. Finally, a Cal Lutheran education must instill in students both the habits of heart and the convictions that will lead them to use their knowledge for service in their immediate communities and in society.

With varying degrees of emphasis, these basic elements undergird all of Cal Lutheran's educational activities. They are delivered to students through academic and co-curricular programs, but also through pedagogical practices and the culture that permeates the campus.

The success of our academic and co-curricular programs will ultimately be measured not only by what our students learn in the classroom but also by their success in realizing and pursuing their individual passions. The distinction of a Cal Lutheran education is that its graduates are exceptionally well prepared for meaningful lives directed by a sense of vocation, leadership and service.

## Accreditations/Affiliations

California Lutheran University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The Graduate School of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and the university is authorized by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to offer credentials. Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools.

The university is a member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) and Council of Independent Colleges (CIC). Cal Lutheran's program in Financial Planning has been registered with the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) Board of Standards Inc.

Cal Lutheran is also a member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA) and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

California Lutheran University is one of 26 colleges and universities affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

For information regarding WASC accreditation, contact:

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